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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF APRIL 21, 2004 INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant gratefully wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting with Applicant's representative on April 21, 2004, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the August 18, 2003 Request for Reconsideration, as well as Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-46418, which was cited in the September 17, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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